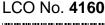


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AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROCUREMENT OF ENERGY DERIVED FROM OFFSHORE WIND.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2019) (a) The Commissioner of

2 Energy and Environmental Protection, in consultation with the 3 procurement manager identified in subsection (l) of section 16-2 of the 4 general statutes, the Office of Consumer Counsel and the Attorney 5 General, shall solicit proposals, in one solicitation or multiple solicitations, from providers of energy derived from offshore wind 6 7 facilities. The commissioner shall, in any such solicitation, request that 8 each respondent to a solicitation include the following in such respondent's proposal: (1) The respondent's plans for the use of skilled labor, including, but not limited to, for any construction and 10 11 manufacturing components of the proposal, including any outreach, 12 hiring and referral systems, or any combination thereof, that are 13 affiliated with an apprenticeship training program registered with the 14 Connecticut State Apprenticeship Council established pursuant to

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section 31-22n of the general statutes, and (2) the respondent's plans

for the use of an agreement designed to (A) ensure the use of skilled

labor, (B) promote the prompt, efficient and safe completion of any

project, in particular with regard to the construction, manufacturing and maintenance of any proposed offshore wind project, and (C) include a provision that all mechanics, laborers and workmen shall be paid not less than prevailing wage pursuant to section 31-53 of the general statutes.

- (b) If the commissioner finds such proposals to be in the interest of ratepayers, including, but not limited to, the delivered price of such sources, and consistent with the requirements to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in accordance with section 22a-200a of the general statutes, and in accordance with the policy goals outlined in the Comprehensive Energy Strategy, adopted pursuant to section 16a-3d of the general statutes, the commissioner may select proposals from such resources that have a total nameplate capacity rating of not more than two thousand megawatts in the aggregate. The commissioner may, on behalf of all customers of electric distribution companies, direct the electric distribution companies to enter into power purchase agreements for energy, capacity and environmental attributes, or any combination thereof, for periods of not more than twenty years.
- (c) Certificates issued by the New England Power Pool Generation Information System procured by an electric distribution company pursuant to this section may be: (1) Sold into the New England Power Pool Generation Information System renewable energy credit market to be used by any electric supplier or electric distribution company to meet the requirements of section 16-245a of the general statutes, so long as the revenues from such sale are credited to electric distribution company customers as described in this section; or (2) retained by the electric distribution company to meet the requirements of section 16-245a of the general statutes. In considering whether to sell or retain such certificates, the company shall select the option that is in the best interest of such company's ratepayers.
- (d) Any such agreement shall be subject to review and approval by the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, which review shall commence upon the filing of the signed power purchase agreement

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with the authority. The authority shall issue a decision on such agreement not later than forty-five days after such filing. In the event the authority does not issue a decision within forty-five days after such agreement is filed with the authority, the agreement shall be deemed approved.

(e) The net costs of any such agreement, including costs incurred by the electric distribution company under the agreement and reasonable costs incurred by the electric distribution company in connection with the agreement, shall be recovered on a timely basis through a fully reconciling component of electric rates for all customers of the electric distribution company. Any net revenues from the sale of products purchased in accordance with long-term contracts entered into pursuant to this section shall be credited to customers through the same fully reconciling rate component for all customers of the contracting electric distribution company.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following		
sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2019	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To authorize the procurement of energy derived from offshore wind.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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